

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chairman of Committee

February 24, 2014

Date

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB14-1204 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and
- 2 substitute:
- 3 **"SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-303, **add** (4)
- 4 as follows:
- 5 **22-11-303. Accredited or accredited with distinction -**
- 6 **performance plan - school district or institute - contents - adoption.**
- 7 (4) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF
- 8 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, THE LOCAL SCHOOL
- 9 BOARD OF A SMALL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ADOPT AND SUBMIT TO
- 10 THE DEPARTMENT A SCHOOL DISTRICT PERFORMANCE PLAN FOR THE
- 11 SCHOOL DISTRICT AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION
- 12 EVERY TWO YEARS SO LONG AS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTAINS THE
- 13 STATUS OF ACCREDITED OR ACCREDITED WITH DISTINCTION.
- 14 (b) AS USED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (4), A SMALL
- 15 RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS A SCHOOL DISTRICT IN COLORADO THAT THE
- 16 DEPARTMENT DETERMINES IS RURAL, BASED ON THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF
- 17 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE DISTANCE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM
- 18 THE NEAREST LARGE, URBANIZED AREA, AND THAT ENROLLS FEWER THAN
- 19 ONE THOUSAND STUDENTS.
- 20 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-403, **add** (4)
- 21 as follows:
- 22 **22-11-403. School performance plan - contents.**
- 23 (4) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE
- 24 CONTRARY, THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
- 25 SUPERINTENDENT, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL OF A
- 26 SMALL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ADOPT A SCHOOL PERFORMANCE
- 27 PLAN FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOL AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS

1 SECTION EVERY TWO YEARS SO LONG AS THE STATE BOARD, PURSUANT TO
2 SECTION 22-11-210, REQUIRES THE PUBLIC SCHOOL TO IMPLEMENT A
3 PERFORMANCE PLAN.

4 (b) AS USED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (4), A SMALL
5 RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS A SCHOOL DISTRICT IN COLORADO THAT THE
6 DEPARTMENT DETERMINES IS RURAL, BASED ON THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF
7 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE DISTANCE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM
8 THE NEAREST LARGE, URBANIZED AREA, AND THAT ENROLLS FEWER THAN
9 ONE THOUSAND STUDENTS.

10 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-210, **amend**
11 (2) (b) as follows:

12 **22-11-210. Public schools - annual review - plans - supports**
13 **and interventions - rules.** (2) (b) (I) Notwithstanding any provision of
14 this article to the contrary, a school district with one thousand students or
15 fewer may submit a single plan to satisfy the school district and school
16 plan requirements, so long as the plan meets all state and federal
17 requirements for school and district plans. A school district with more
18 than one thousand but fewer than one thousand two hundred students
19 may, upon request and at the department's discretion, submit a single plan
20 to satisfy the school district and school plan requirements, so long as the
21 plan meets all state and federal requirements for school and district plans.

22 (II) A SMALL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT IS AUTHORIZED
23 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-11-303 (4) TO SUBMIT A SCHOOL DISTRICT
24 PERFORMANCE PLAN EVERY TWO YEARS MAY SUBMIT A SINGLE PLAN TO
25 SATISFY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SCHOOL PLAN REQUIREMENTS ONLY
26 IF EACH OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE SINGLE PLAN
27 IS AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-11-403 (4) TO SUBMIT A SCHOOL
28 PERFORMANCE PLAN EVERY TWO YEARS. AS USED IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH
29 (II), A SMALL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS A SCHOOL DISTRICT IN
30 COLORADO THAT THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES IS RURAL, BASED ON THE
31 GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE DISTANCE OF THE
32 SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST LARGE, URBANIZED AREA, AND THAT
33 ENROLLS FEWER THAN ONE THOUSAND STUDENTS.

34 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1210, **amend**
35 (5) (b) (III); and **add** (5) (b) (III.5) as follows:

36 **22-7-1210. Early literacy fund - created - repeal.** (5) (b) A
37 local education provider may use the per-pupil intervention moneys only
38 as follows:

39 (III) To purchase tutoring services in reading for students with
40 significant reading deficiencies; ~~or~~

41 (III.5) FOR A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER THAT IS A SMALL
42 RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-11-303 (4) (b), TO

1 PURCHASE FROM A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES THE SERVICES OF A
2 LITERACY SPECIALIST TO PROVIDE EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL
3 DEVELOPMENT IN LITERACY AND OTHER SUPPORT IN IMPLEMENTING THE
4 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART 12; OR

5 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1211, **amend**
6 (1) and (2) (c); and **add** (2) (c.5) as follows:

7 **22-7-1211. Early literacy grant program - created.** (1) There
8 is hereby created in the department the early literacy grant program to
9 provide moneys to local education providers to implement literacy
10 support and intervention instruction programs, including but not limited
11 to related professional development programs, to assist students in
12 kindergarten and first, second, and third grades to achieve reading
13 competency. The state board by rule shall establish the application
14 timelines and the information to be included in each grant application. A
15 local education provider may apply individually or as part of a group of
16 local education providers. A rural school district that is a member of a
17 board of cooperative services may seek assistance in writing the grant
18 application from the board of cooperative services. A BOARD OF
19 COOPERATIVE SERVICES MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT TO PROVIDE
20 INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT IN LITERACY FOR SMALL RURAL SCHOOL
21 DISTRICTS, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-11-303 (4) (b), THAT ARE
22 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES.

23 (2) The department shall review each grant application received
24 and recommend to the state board whether to award the grant and the
25 duration and amount of each grant. In making recommendations, the
26 department shall consider the following factors:

27 (c) The cost of the instructional program that the applying local
28 education provider or group of local education providers plans to
29 implement using the grant moneys; **and**

30 (c.5) IN THE CASE OF A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES THAT
31 APPLIES FOR A GRANT TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT IN LITERACY,
32 THE NUMBER OF SMALL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AS DESCRIBED IN
33 SECTION 22-11-303 (4) (b), THE NUMBER OF KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST-,
34 SECOND-, AND THIRD-GRADE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SMALL RURAL
35 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE SMALL RURAL
36 SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT WILL RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT AS A
37 RESULT OF THE GRANT;

38 **SECTION 6. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
39 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
40 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety."

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